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Director, FBI

Dear Sir:

In a recent interview with LADY ELIZABETH DECIES in connections.

with an investigation being conducted by this Field Division in another.... matter, LADY DECIES volunteered the following information to Special Agent Francis J. McCarthy, Jr.

She has been an intimate of the British Queen Elizabeth, Queen Mary and her ladies-in-waiting. She states that in these circles LORD LOUIS MOUNTBATTEN and his wife are considered persons of extremely low morals. She stated that LORD LOUIS MOUNTBATTEN was known to be a homosexual with a perversion for young boys. In LADY DECLES' opinion he is an unfit man to direct any sort of military operations because of this condition. She stated further that his wife, LADY MOUNTBATTEN, was considered equally erratic and that it was known that PAUL ROBESON, Colored singer and actor, was her paramour. LADY DECIES said that she knew that LADY MOUNTBATTEN took PAUL ROBESON on a six-weeks caravan into the Sahara Desert a few years before the war began and that these two had six weeks of un-chaperoned association together. LADY DECIES added that LADY MOUNTBATTEN has a huge naked statute of PAUL ROBESON in her home.

The foregoing is submitted for whatever value it has to the Bureau.

LADY DECIES is the widow of the recently deceased BARON DECIES. a well-known British political figure. LADY DECIES is a member of the DREXEL family and ANTHONY DREXEL BIDDLE is her cousin. LADY DECIES is the owner of a \$5,000,000 home in Paris, France and apparently has been in intimate contact with various members of European royalty including Queens WILHEIMINA and MARIE and others. At the present time LADY DECIES is residing at the Plaza Hotel in New York and appears to have no special motive in making the above statements. With the exception of the fact that LADY DECIES is greatly worried about the safety of her

Paris home, she appears to be otherwise normal. EX - 59

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ADMIRAL MOUNTBATTEN

ALLEGATIONS OF HOMOSEXUALITY

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Reference memorandum Belmont to Boardman 4/18/57. Additional information concerning captioned matter and the allegation of an affair between Mountbatten's wife and Paul Robeson has been located in Bufiles and is as follows:

In February, 1944, Lady Elizabeth Decies who claimed to have been an intimate of the British Queen Elizabeth advised the New York Office that Lord Louis Mountbatten was known in British circles to be a homosexual with a perversion for young boys; and, further, that his wife, Lady (Edwina) Mountbatten, took Paul Robeson on a 6-week caravan into the Sahara Desert a few years before the war began and they were unchaperoned. Lady Decies added that Lady Mountbatten has a huge naked statue of Paul Robeson in her home.

There is no indication that any of the above information has been disseminated outside this Bureau.

b7D b7E b7D Concerning Anthony Eden, a confidential informant on 2/25/54 Aphanasy Ivanovich stated a story was circulating that Eden was a laay's man and that he had to marry a young girl. (Not further explained.)

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Memorandum Mr. Belmont to Mr. Boardman RE: ANTHONY EDEN ADMIRAL MOUNTBATTEN ALLEGATIONS OF HOMOSEXUALITY

Ivanovich said he believed that Lord Norwich had caught Eden sleeping with his (Norwich's) wife; that Norwich had complained to Churchill who had quieted Norwich down. This information was contained in an investigative report which was disseminated to the Department of Justice on 11/1/56. (100-202315-1812, page 29)

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	ew sht mic we	NY T-1 is JOHN V. GROMBACH, who was interviewed RLES P. WINDER. GROMBACH is a Brigadier General was York National Guard and operates in business as ROMBACH, Consultant, Industrial Reports, Inc., 7th St., NY, NY.	17.5
		General GROMBACH was most cordial and after the or the contact was explained to him, stated that he mory of the information", but did not recall the no furnished the specific report. He said he had	
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received a number of such reports pertaining to the alleged composexuality of ANTHONY EDEN, EARL MOUNTBATTEN and ANTHONY FUTTING. In regard to the original source of the information, A former Central European diplomat, "GRONBACH said this was the standard cover used by his organization for Czechelovakian or Hungarian diplomats, active or inactive, and, therefore, coes not specifically identify the source.

General GROMBACH then attempted, through a card index maintained by him, to identify the source but was unsuccessful. GROMBACH explained that he had maintained his fitest records regarding his intelligence apparatus as he had been authorized to do so.

GROMBACH then stated that Dr. TIBOR ECKHARDT, a close personal friend who had been Chief Editor, Central Luropean Desk, for his organization, would be the only person from whom the identity of the source could be obtained. He then telephonically contacted Dr. ECKHARDT, who resides in NYC, and obtained the information set forth in the LHM.

General GROMBACH said ECKHARDT recalled two additional reports re ANTHONY EDEN, two re MOUNTBATTEN and three re NUTTING, all relating to their homosexuality

General GROMBACH said that he would not divulge the source's identity to any organization except this Bureau. He briefly stated that he had previous difficulty with because of that agency's insistence he identify all his sources of information to them, which GROMBACH refused to do. Further, GROMBACH said he believes that information is "leaked" from to the Soviets.

GROMBACH wandered out loud as to why inquiry was being made and speculated this Bureau's contact with him was possibly related to some reason connected with an interview he had on 3/14/60, with CAL MC CRYSTAL, 710 North-umberland St., Teaneck, NJ, who is employed by the "London Sunday Times." According to GROMBACH, MC CRYSTAL was seeking information regarding French and British Intelligence Operations

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auring and after World War II and the leakage of US intelligence information to the Soviets through British and French sources. He did not speculate that was attempting to obtain the info through this Bureau.

GROMBACH asked MC CRYSTAL who had directed

AC CRYSTAL to him but MC CRYSTAL would not divulge this
information. GROMBACH said he suspected GROMBACH
stated he also suspected that JACQUES SOUSTELLE, who had
previously been CHARLES DE GAULLE's "right hand man"
as a person furnishing information to the Soviets.

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New York, New York May 29, 1968

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On May 28, 1968, NY T-1, with whom contact has been insufficient to determine the reliability of the information furnished and who has a background in intelligence investigations, advised a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), that the person who furnished a report in 1953 regarding the alleged homosexuality of Anthony Eden, Earl Mountbatten and Anthony Nutting, was believed to be Lady Judith Listowell nee Marffy-Mantauno. (

NY T-1 described Lady Listowell as Hungarian by birth, who served in the Hungarian diplomatic service and whose father was a Hungarian Minister. She married lord Listowell who later became Vicercy of India. NY T-1 stated that she became very popular in England, was received by the King and Queen and knew Anthony Eden.

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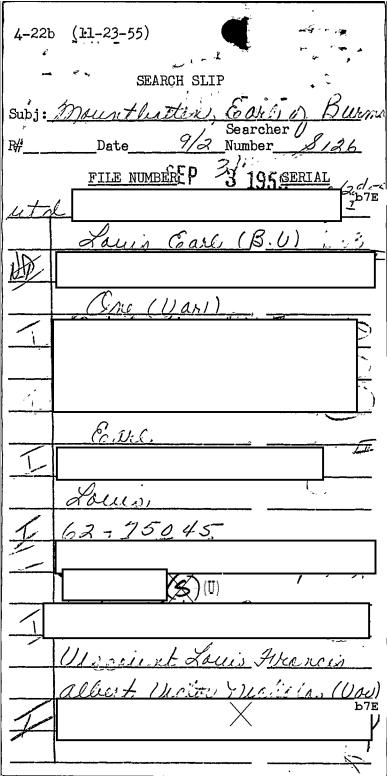
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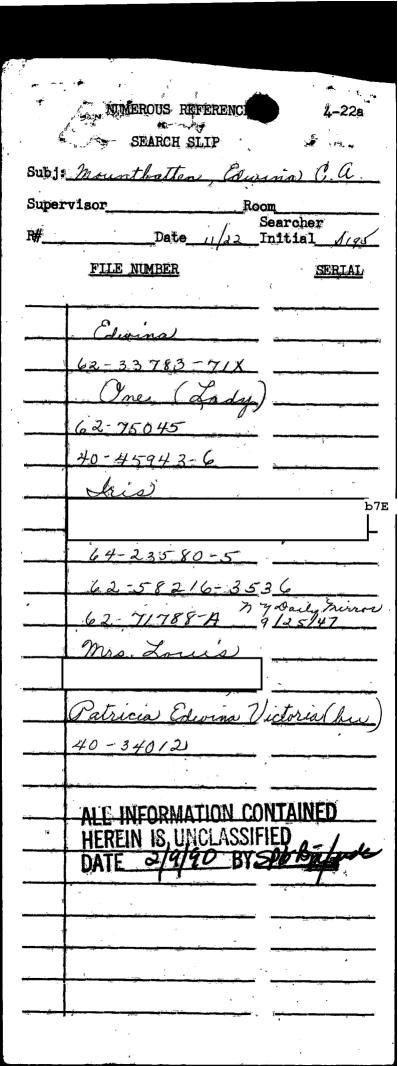
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